It's time to renew your membership! See form on page 3 of this issue.

Our annual UIRA luncheon and business meeting was attended by about 90 members and brought us some reports on our activities and status. We've had a wonderful variety of programs and co-sponsored the very successful Senior College courses. UIRA total membership is at 649, with 474 households. Income from membership dues was $5,360, and our treasury balance is $19,468.99, about half of which is invested at 2.85%.

We elected a new President Elect, Rick Walton, and our new President Nancy Williams takes over from Ken Kuntz. Leaving the Board are Jean Hood, Feather Lacy and Lou Crist. We also have two new Directors-at-Large, Nancy Lynch and Kenneth Starck. Many thanks to Ken Kuntz, who continues on the board as Past President, who presided so very graciously and capably over our organization. He and Nancy Williams attended the Big Ten Retirees’ Association Conference last summer at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. It has been a good year for UIRA and we look forward to our next year.

Eight students from the UI School of Music presented excerpts from the Spring Opera, Roméo et Juliette, with music by Charles Gounod. This is the most famous operatic adaptation of Shakespeare’s timeless tale of young love doomed by feuding families. The opera features stage direction by Alan E. Hicks, who introduced the pieces.

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Planning Ahead

Honoring Your Wishes: A Community-Wide Advance Care Planning Initiative is an effort here in Johnson County to bring meaningful advanced care planning to Iowa. We all know about the pieces of paper that the Iowa Bar has sanctioned for Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney designations. While they meet the legal need, they are rarely accompanied by a sit-down conversation between a person and his/her surrogate decision maker. Honoring Your Wishes aims to change that, with a form that is comprehensive, communicated to family members, and stored at the person's sites of health care. This comprehensive advance care planning is achieved with trained facilitators who guide the person and the surrogate through all the decision trees. The mission of Honoring Your Wishes is to create and sustain an integrated, advance care planning process where individual future health care preferences are discussed, documented, and honored by families, friends, and the health care community. This is a free service. The Johnson County Senior Center has trained facilitators who are also ready to take appointments. To make an appointment through the Senior Center, please call 356-5220.
UIRA Annual Potluck Picnic
Wednesday June 6, 6:00 p.m.

The UIRA Annual Potluck Picnic will be at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, in Shelter 6 of City Park (the large shelter nearest the Riverside Festival Theatre). We will provide the main course, table service and beverages. Please bring either a salad or dessert to serve 6 people. Following the picnic, at 7:00 p.m., we will once again have an opportunity to mosey across the green and attend a bit of the rehearsal of one of the two Shakespeare Plays being offered this summer, either As You Like It or The Merchant of Venice (at this time, they anticipate it will be As You Like It).

Visit Scattergood Saturday, May 5th, 11:00 a.m.

This fascinating look inside the Scattergood Friends' School in West Branch will include a tour of the school and farm, including an opportunity to experience a few minutes of silence in the Meeting House on the grounds. We will then enjoy a catered lunch in the school dining hall ($12/person) where we will meet with some of the school staff. Reservations for the lunch are due by Tuesday, May 1 and may be made by calling Nancy Lynch at 338-3818 or to nancylynch1941@gmail.com. If you receive this after May 1 and are interested in attending, give Nancy a call to see if there is a last-minute opening.

Help With Hosting

I am recruiting volunteer hosts and hostesses for our meetings next year. This year, a host or hostess has greeted people as they arrive and nametags have been available at each meeting. Monthly events and meetings held by the UIRA provide us the opportunity to meet new people and renew our associations with old friends. Now we need your help as host or hostess. E-mail me at ajhood@q.com and I'll compile a list of volunteers that can be called on to help.

Jean Hood

Deadline for June Gray Hawk Copy

The deadline for submitting items for the June 2012 issue is Saturday May 26. Please send them to E. Ann Ford by regular mail at 10 Forest Glen, Iowa City, IA 52245, or via e-mail to e-ann-ford@uiowa.edu.
Please welcome our new members

Ranbir Bhatnagar  Pharmacology
Larry Fischer  Pharmacology (Michigan State University)
Betty Fischer  Spouse
Frank Schmidt  Management and Organizations

Renew your membership

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION
Membership Form
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

NAME ____________________________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________________________
E-Mail Address ____________________________________________
(For e-mail delivery of UIRA Messages and The Gray Hawk Newsletter)
Check here if you prefer to receive The Gray Hawk Newsletter by postal mail. □
For renewals: Is this a new e-mail address? Yes □ No □
Telephone __________________________ Membership Type: New □ Renewal □

If a new membership, please complete the information below:
• Retiree status (check all that apply):
  Faculty □ Staff □ Spouse/Domestic Partner □ Associate Member □
  • Month and year retired __________________________
  • Indicate the position you held __________________________
  • UI Department or Division from which you retired __________________________

*****For Second Person’s Membership*****
NAME ____________________________________________
E-Mail Address ____________________________________________
(For e-mail delivery of UIRA Messages and The Gray Hawk Newsletter)
Check here if you prefer to receive The Gray Hawk Newsletter by postal mail. □
For renewals: Is this a new e-mail address? Yes □ No □
Telephone __________________________ Membership Type: New □ Renewal □

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Are you willing to be listed in an electronic directory of UIRA members? Yes □ No □

This form is for both new memberships and renewals. Dues for each registrant are $10. New members who join after May 1 are paid through June 30 of the following year. First-year membership is free for new retirees and their spouses/domestic partners, but fill out the form. Send completed form and checks, payable to the University of Iowa Retirees Association to Assistant to the Treasurer Ruth Dawson, 2601 Hickory Trail # 1, Iowa City, Iowa 52245. Questions: phone 319-351-4823, e-mail rbdawson@inav.net, or visit our web site at www.uiowa.edu/~uira